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DEPARTMENT FOR S/S DAVID ANDERSON

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU.

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TO RUFHOL/AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY 9155  
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: OUT-OF-BONN PROGRAM

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REF: A) FRANKFURT 4411 DTG 021030Z JUN 78

B) USCINCEUR ECDC 9431 DTG 071801Z JUN 78

C) FRANKFURT 4477 DTG 051602Z JUN 78

1. IN REF B) UNCINCEUR ENDORSED FROM A MILITARY STAND-

POINT THE OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT INCLUDING THE PROPOSED VISIT TO GERMAN AND AMERICAN ARMY UNITS AT BRIGADE 76 WIESBADEN/ERBENHEIM AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTTEL A). WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT MILITARY COMMANDS CONCERNED STRONGLY PREFER THAT THE VISIT BE TO BRIGADE 76 AT WIESBADEN/ERBENHEIM RATHER THAN TO HANAU. IN LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION WE EXPECT NO FURTHER MILITARY COMMENTS AT THIS TIME ON THE HANAU ALTERNATIVE OUTLINED IN REF C).

2. IN COORDINATION WITH THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE VTH CORPS WE HAVE NOW DEVELOPED A REFINED CONCEPT FOR THE VISIT TO BRIGADE 76 ON JULY 15 CONTAINING SOME MODIFICATIONS OF THE SUGGESTIONS IN REF A) AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON. THE CONCEPT IS TO PLACE VISITORS IN CONTEXT OF COMBAT POWER INHERENT IN THE U.S. ARMY BRIGADE MOST RECENTLY ADDED TO NATO, TOGETHER WITH ITS GERMAN PARTNERSHIP UNITS. THE PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR WILL VIEW MASSED TANK, MECHANIZED INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, AND AIR DEFENSE UNITS AND EQUIPMENT; OBSERVE AIRMOBILE INSERTION OF INFANTRY AND ANTI-TANK WEAPONS IN SUPPORT OF TANKS; AND BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLED GERMAN AND AMERICAN TROOPS AND TO MINGLE INFORMALLY WITH THEM. ALL OF THIS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE SETTING OF AN OPEN HOUSE AT WIESBADEN ON 15 JULY WHICH WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE VISITING PARTY  
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DEPARTS AND WILL PROVIDE A SIZEABLE CROWD OF GERMAN AND AMERICAN SPECTATORS. PARTICIPATING TROOPS WILL BE GIVEN COMPENSATORY TRAINING HOLIDAY THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. THIS CONCEPT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL FOR TELEVISION AND PRESS COVERAGE AND IS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO PERMIT VARIATIONS IN TIME AND ROUTE.

3. THE FOLLOWING MORE DETAILED ITINERARY WITHIN THE SAME TIME PARAMETER (I.E. 1000-1100 ON JULY 15) REPLACES THAT IN REF A):

1000 - PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE ARRIVES, ENTERS WIESBADEN/ERBENHEIM BASE AND IS ESCORTED TO WEST END OF THE AIR FIELD. HERE IT IS MET AND GREETED BY SENIOR GERMAN AND AMERICAN ARMY OFFICIALS AND THEN BOARDS M548 ARTILLERY AMMUNITION CARRIERS FITTED WITH RAILINGS AND BENCHES. THE OFFICIAL PARTY THEN PASSES THROUGH A WEAPONS DISPLAY OF ARTILLERY, AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS, HELICOPTERS, TANKS AND ANTI-TANK WEAPONS IN VTH CORPS. -- THE PARTY THEN PASSES ALONG A LONG LINE OF MASSED TROOP UNITS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT INCLUDING GERMAN

AND AMERICAN TANK UNPPS, GERMAN AND AMERICAN MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNITS, AND GERMAN AND AMERICAN ARTILLERY UNITS. TOTAL FORCES WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE TO TWO BRIGADES. ALONG THE WAY THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICIAL PARTY TO LOOK AT INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AND ASK QUESTION OF JUNIOR LEADERS AND TROOPS.

1030 - ON COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD OBSERVE A TANK UNIT IN COMBAT FORMATION AND A DEMONSTRATION HOW A TANK UNIT MIGHT BE REINFORCED WITH ATTACK HELICOPTERS AND AIR MOBILE INFANTRY. THIS DEMONSTRATION WOULD INCLUDE HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS FOLLOWED BY LIFT HELICOPTERS INSERTING INFANTRY AND  
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TWO SQUADS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE VISITING PARTY. BLANK AMMUNITION WOULD BE FIRED. WHILE THIS IS IN PROGRESS OTHER TROOPS WILL ASSEMBLE NEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS TO THE TROOPS WHICH WILL FOLLOW.

1040 - THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR (IF HE WISHES) ADDRESS REMARKS TO THE ASSEMBLED GERMAN AND AMERICAN TROOPS.

1050- FOLLOWING REMARKS TO THE TRPOOPS THERE WOULD BE A CHANCE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR TO MINGLE INFORMALLY WITH THEM DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS COULD BE SERVED. THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY THEN BOARDS THE MOTORCADE.

1100 - THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE DEPARTS BRIGADE 76 ENROUTE TO FRANKFURT.

4. NOTE THAT THE FOREGOING DROPS THE SUB-CALIBER FIRING WHICH ALL CONCERNED AGREE WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL ON THIS OCCASION. IT ADDS AMONG OTHER THINGS THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN FAMILIES AND GERMAN CIVILIAN VISITORS WHICH IS A PLUS. WE CONSIDER THE ABOVE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER VERSIONS AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT. IT CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE AND DRAMATIC SHOW DESIGNED TO CARRY THE RIGHT MESSAGE AND EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR EFFECTIVE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE.

5. TO FACILITATE FUTHER PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DECISIONS ON:

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A) CHOICE OF THE CITY TO BE VISITED ON WHICH WE ARE  
AWAITING THE GERMAN LEAD;

B) CHOICE OF THE ARMY SITE TO BE VISITED AND,

C) A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BEYOND THE GENERAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GERMANY WHICH  
AHS ALREADY BEEN MADE OR ALTERNATIVELY DECLASSIFICATION  
SO THAT MORE ACTIVE PREPARATIONS CAN BEGIN. IF  
DECLASSIFICATION IS PRECERRED TO A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT  
DESIGNATIONG THE PLACES TO BE VISITED, WE WOULD REQUIRE  
PRESS GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE INQUIRIES WHICH  
MIGHT RESULT. LEHMANN  
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